GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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EXEMPTION OF CUSTOMS DUTY FOR BASIC TELEPHONE SERVICE
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for giving exemption of custom duty on equipment imported by a person licensed by Department of Telecommunications of the Government of India for the purpose of providing Basic Telephone Service;

(b) whether the Government has exempted custom duty on import of equipment for providing International Long Distance, National Long Distance, Infrastructure Provider Category-I and II;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) the reason for not extending custom duty exemption on import of equipment by ILD,NLDO,IP-I & II Licensee; and

(e) the time by which it is likely to be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) A concessional basic customs duty of 5% has been prescribed for specified equipment imported by a person licensed by the Department of Telecommunications of the Government of India for the purpose of providing Basic telephone service in order to reduce the cost of telecom infrastructure.

(b)&(c) No Sir.

(d)&(e) Does not arise